

# Why use RSS Feeds?

## 1. Library New Releases and Upcoming Events!

Skokie Public Library publishes many RSS feeds to announce newly added materials, including new fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and more! RSS feeds are also available to help you keep on top of all the great events and programs held at the library. Visit: <http://rss.skokielibrary.info> and <http://events.skokielibrary.info>.

## 2. Blogs

One of the best things about blogs (personal, professional, corporate, institutional) is that an interested reader can subscribe using RSS feeds. Look for the RSS icon on your favorite blog and have new entries delivered to your RSS reader. Examples: <http://splclasses.blogspot.com> and <http://lifehacker.com>.

## 3. News

Most major newspapers and magazines have websites now and they also have RSS feeds available so their readers can have news and stories delivered as soon as they're ready. Examples include: <http://www.cnn.com/services/rss/>, <http://www.chicagotribune.com/>, <http://www.npr.org/rss/>, and <http://www.pioneerlocal.com/skokie/index.html>.

## 4. Jobs

If you're looking for a job, you're in luck because most job search engines now issue RSS feeds for specific searches. Once you conduct a search, look for the RSS icon to have future results for that search delivered to your RSS reader. Examples include: <http://www.simplyhired.com/>, <http://www.indeed.com/>, and <http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/>.

## 5. Housing

Now you can have the latest rental and sale properties in your area sent to your RSS reader. Conduct a specific search in a housing search engine and look for the RSS icon to subscribe to future results for that search. Examples include: <http://craigslist.org>, local newspaper classified sections, and Realtor websites.

## 6. Travel

If you love to travel, RSS feeds can notify you of the best deals on the web. Examples include: <http://frommers.com>, <http://orbitz.com>, and <http://smartrtravel.com>.

## 7. Weather

If you like staying on top of every weather change that is predicted for your neighborhood or nationally, RSS feeds are perfect for you. Example: <http://weather.com>.

## 8. Finances

What's more important than keeping track of your money? You can use RSS feeds to stay up-to-date on the latest news and information on specific stocks and funds. Or you can keep track of changes to various rates. Examples: <http://smartmoney.com>, <http://moneycentral.msn.com>.

## 9. Product Sales or Specials

Many retail vendors have RSS feeds to let you know when they have special deals. Example: <http://amazon.com>, <http://eBay.com>, <http://bensbargains.net/>, <http://www.woot.com/>.

## 10. Calendars

Many calendars that are updated online have RSS feeds so you have new events delivered to you each day. Example: <http://skokienet.org>. Or create your own calendar feed with Google Calendar or <http://www.rsscalendar.com/>.

Can you think of anymore? Let me know! Email [rkong@skokielibrary.info](mailto:rkong@skokielibrary.info).

**(SEE BACK FOR MORE SUGGESTIONS)**

## NEWS

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Google News: <http://news.google.com>  
NPR: <http://www.npr.org/rss/>  
Chicago Tribune: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/>  
Chicago Sun-Times: <http://www.suntimes.com/rss/index.html>  
CNN.com: <http://www.cnn.com/services/rss/>  
New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com>  
BBC News: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>  
Salon: <http://salon.com>  
The Onion: <http://www.theonion.com/content/connect>

## CONSUMER PRODUCTS & SHOPPING DEALS

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Ben's Bargains: <http://bensbargains.net/>  
Slickdeals.net: <http://www.slickdeals.net/>  
Deal Catcher: <http://www.dealcatcher.com/>  
Deal Dump: <http://dealdump.com/>  
Woot!: <http://www.woot.com/>  
Amazon: <http://amazon.com>  
eBay: <http://ebay.com>  
RSS Auction: <http://www.rssauction.com/>

## JOBS & FINANCE

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Indeed: <http://www.indeed.com/>  
Yahoo! HotJobs: <http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/>  
Simply Hired: <http://www.simplyhired.com/>  
Tribune Jobs: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/jobs/>  
Yahoo Finance: <http://finance.yahoo.com/rssindex>  
Smart Money: <http://www.smartmoney.com/rss>  
Financial RSS Feeds: <http://www.rss-specifications.com/finance-rss-feeds.htm>

## BLOGS & STUFF

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Digg: <http://digg.com/>  
Dumb Little Man: <http://www.dumblittleman.com/>  
Lifehacker: <http://lifehacker.com/>  
Boing Boing: <http://www.boingboing.net/>  
Lolcats 'n' Funny Pictures: <http://icanhascheezburger.com/>  
Dilbert: <http://dilbert.com/rss/>  
Word of the Day: <http://dictionary.com/wordoftheday/>  
Quote of the Day: <http://www.quotationspage.com/qotd.html>  
Del.icio.us: <http://del.icio.us/help/rss>  
Calendar Events: <http://www.rsscalendar.com/>  
Craigslis: <http://www.craigslis.org/about/rss.html>  
YouTube Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/rssls>  
Flickr Photo Tags: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/>  
Real Estate Listings: <http://www.trulia.com/>  
Traffic Updates: <http://www.traffic.com/rss.html>  
Government Info: <http://www.usa.gov/rss/index.shtml>  
Packages: <http://www.SimpleTracking.com/>  
Medical Information: <http://www.hubmed.org>  
Movies: <http://movies.com/rss>  
Comedy: <http://www.comedycentral.com/rss/>